

Remarks

Claims 1-18 are subject to a restriction requirement into 2 groups. Applicants traverse the restriction requirement. Applicants note that paragraph 2 of the Office Action references IV groups, however, Applicants only found 2 groups.

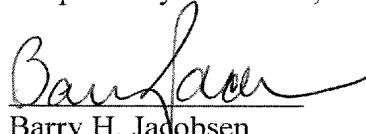
The Office Action alleges that the present Application contains inventions that do not have a single general inventive concept because they lack the same or corresponding special technical feature because claims 1-3 are allegedly anticipated by Hasenzahl. Applicants submit that an alleged anticipation cannot provide a basis for a restriction requirement. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the restriction.

Applicants provisionally elect group I (Claims 1-12, 14-16 and 18) and submit that group II should be examined with group I. Group II contains are directed to a method to provide a dry syrup which is closely related to the Dry Syrup Preparation claims of Group I. Applicants submit that there can be no serious burden on the Examiner if Group II is examined with Group I. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the restriction requirement and that the present application is examined with all the pending claims of Group I and II.

The Office Action requests a species selection of a binder and a sugar. Applicants traverse this election. Applicants submit that this election requirement lacks a sufficient basis for such election requirement. Accordingly, Applicants submit that withdrawal of election requirement is appropriate. Applicants provisionally elect the following species: sucrose and hydroxypropyl cellulose.

If the Office has any questions concerning this amendment, please contact the undersigned representative.

Respectfully submitted,



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